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Final USPTO Rule on Claims and Continuations

Overview of Major Issues and Concerns

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Some Current Claiming Concepts Affected Claims and Continuations Final Rule

patent application, and the later applications, should be Types of patent coverage to be sought in the initial reassessed ivo limits on claims and continuations.

Importance of broad vs. narrow claims, and the plan to get them. What features are important, and need protection?

What features may be important?

New Ground rule: max of 3 patents, with 15/75 claims per invention! What will be your strategy to get maximum protection? Is claim protection for different aspects and classes of invention important, or desirable? Process(es) and apparatus; Combination and subcombination. Think involuntary divisionals.

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